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TO: The Honorable Tommy Waters  
The Honorable Blake Oshiro  
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director *B. Wong*  
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**SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 2202, Relating to Partial Public Financing of Elections**

Monday, February 18, 2008  
3:45 a.m. in Conference Room 325

Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Oshiro, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

This bill, which was introduced at the Campaign Spending Commission's ("Commission") request, allows candidates for the office of prosecuting attorney to qualify for partial public financing. This bill reinstates language in Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-209(a), that was deleted by Act 203, SLH 2005.<sup>1</sup>

This bill would take effect retroactive to January 1, 2008. This would allow candidates to receive contributions beginning January 1, 2008 that would qualify them for partial public financing.

We urge the Committee to pass the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill, H.B. No. 2723, was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and a hearing was scheduled on the bill.

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